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ABUSE, NOT SALE OF LIQUOR IMMORAL.

When answering in the negative the question, "Do you not concede the selling of alcoholic beverages morally wrong?" It seems to shock the questioner. The interrogation laid down a proposition embodying a conclusion, to concede which made argument useless. But when we answered No, the guns could be unlimbered for reasoning action. To say the sale of alcoholic beverages is immoral is to our mind a very extreme view, and the only justification such a position has is perchance alcoholic liquors are sold by some immoral men; peep-sin, castor oil and calomel are sold by immoral men too, but because of that, it does not make the sale of these standard medicines morally wrong.

The selling of alcoholic beverages is frequently done by immoral men and women, perhaps a majority of these dealers are immoral; the selling of non-alcoholic beverages does not necessarily create a badge of morality, bad men engage in all kinds of business, but because of it, the business itself need not be immoral. When wrong is done, the individual committing it is responsible. A bad man may commit a grievous sin in the most sacred of places, even in God's sanctuary. How often is it we hear of the vilest immorality committed under the cloak of religion, but because of it, religion itself, is not responsible.

A stock argument with those who imagine they see immorality in the sale of liquor, is that "good men have been made to go wrong by handling liquor." We think this is a mistaken view; we do not believe that liquor ever made a good man go wrong, there is no doubt that men were reported to be good went wrong, but it was the devil born in them, and not the liquor which made them go wrong, the liquor may have nerved them up to do things which fear held them back from doing, but the evil heart was there. Opportunity frequently plays an important part in the downfall of the so-called good men. In our judgment the good men who have gone wrong after indulging in liquor would have gone wrong had they never tasted a drop of the stuff. It is of common occurrence that men who bear the best of reputations for sobriety, and even piety, who are known to be, and have always been, tee-totalers, men who hold high positions in their churches, and who are unscrupulous men who take advantage of, and abuse the privilege, but this does not justify in branding them all as bad. If forsooth, bad men engage in a business, makes that business immoral, all vocations and professions, not even the ministry would escape; such a rule will not hold, if it did, disaster would result.

We believe we state a fact when we say there are more convicts in the penitentiaries or fugitives from justice, who held trusted positions in high institutions than there are former bar-keepers, who made a support selling alcoholic beverages.

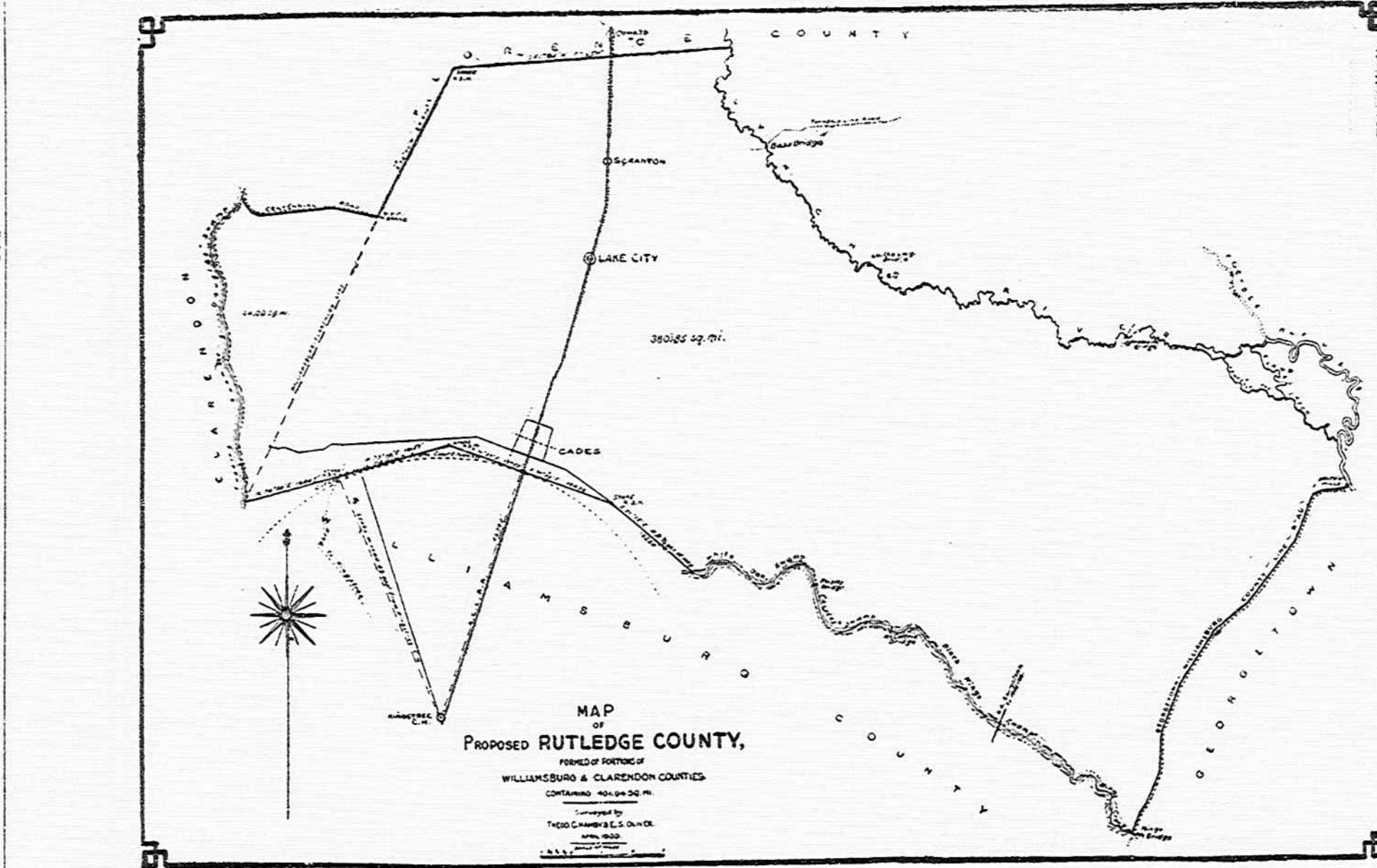
We do not advocate the sale or the drinking of liquor, this is a matter for the individual judgment, we would not care to engage in the sale of liquor, not because we think it is immoral, but there are other vocations we prefer.

This newspaper declines to advertise for liquor houses, and has turned down hundreds of dollars worth of liquor advertising propositions, not because we regard the sale of liquor, or its proper use immoral, but we believe in teaching temperance, and cannot consistently advertise that which we would teach our readers is injurious to health if abused, and calculated to give excuse for emboldening the evil spirit in man to assert itself.

But we do not believe that force is as well calculated to effectively teach temperance, as is example and persuasion. The whole theory, in our judgment is not that the lawful sale of alcoholic beverages is immoral, but each individual's conduct is responsible for the moral obligation. "It is every man's duty to serve God. It is no man's duty to compel another man to serve God. No man can do that; for God requires heart service; and that does not come through compulsion." Man's law is force, God's law is love.

If liquor is the father of crime, why is it the court records do not show it in the convictions—arson to secure insurance money, swindling innocent investors, defalcations of treasurers, robbing of creditors by way of bankrupt laws, the hundred and one immoral practices. Crimes are committed by the Devil drunk or sober.

The place to find the remedy for the evil of intemperance is in the heart, and not on the statute books. The thing to do is to hold the individual responsible for his act—make drunkenness a crime and enforce the law. A man gets drunk and becomes an annoyance to his neighbor punish him in a manner that he will not forget it, the lawful seller of liquor is no more responsible for the un-



A "SHOE STRING" COUNTY.

For the benefit of all parties concerned, whether for or against the new county, we publish this week a map of the proposed county of Rutledge. Lest we be accused of substitution by some people who are ready to believe one who differs honestly from them guilty of any kind of sharp practice, we will explain that the published is made from a reduced photograph of the blue print fac simile of the official map, which was sent to Mr. R. B. Smith, the chairman of the election commission for Rutledge county. The photograph camera does not lie, hence the map must be a correct copy of the original.

Having only recently been able to obtain a copy of the Rutledge county map, we were dependent wholly upon reports emanating from the new county promoters as to what it looked like on paper. We had heard so much of that "nice, compact, symmetrical little county" that we were led to hope that the map would show some of our correspondents this week refer to Rutledge as a "shoe string" county, and anyone can see at a glance how well the term fits. For convenience of our readers the map is drawn to a scale of four miles to the inch; hence, to get the distance from any given point to another, all one has to do is to measure the inch and multiply by four. For instance, the rule shows the length to be 8.34 inches. Multiply 8.34 by 4 and we have 33.36 miles as the extreme length of the proposed county. Now, measure across at the narrowest part and we have just about nine miles, while the widest place in only about thirteen miles. The average width shows for itself. From Lake City to Smith Mills is 24 miles, an air line; while to the nearest point west to the Clarendon line the distance is only seven miles.

On the whole the claim of a "nice, compact, symmetrical little county" falls as flat as that of the vast resources of Rutledge, which has come to be a joke.—County Record, Kingstree.

BEWARE OF PROMISES.

The Rutledge County proposition, the more investigated, the more convincing does it become that the people of Sandy Grove should not permit themselves to be persuaded into it. Whether through wantonness or ignorance the promoters of the Rutledge County scheme has misrepresented conditions to the extent that it is fast receding upon them. It was represented to the people of Sandy Grove that Rutledge County would be "compact," easily of access, that the county seat, if established at Lake City, would be in the center of the proposed county, that it would be wealthy in property valuations and various other attractive promises, but when the map is looked at, it is seen that the proposed county of Rutledge is a long narrow strip, with Lake City no where near the center, and that Sandy Grove township in Clarendon, is located somewhat like a hump on a camel's back. The property valuation is away below any other county in the State, which of course, points to high taxation; any thinking man will admit that it requires about as much money to maintain one county as another, and if the property valuation in Rutledge County is not sufficient to raise money to pay its expenses by low taxation it must be done by high taxation, for the county government must go on, even if the burden must fall on the few. Rutledge County, if created, will be a veritable "shoe-string," and altogether different in shape from what its promoters represented. The whole scheme, in our judgment, is in the interests of a few property owners in the town of Lake City, and a few politicians wanting the people to buy office for them. We are informed that representations were made to the effect that the proportion of Clarendon's \$70,000 which Sandy Grove is mortgaged for the next 30 years, will not have to be paid by Sandy Grove, but by the entire Rutledge County. It is not true, Sandy Grove alone will have to pay this, matters not what county she is voted into. There is absolutely no avoiding Sandy Grove's paying every cent of her proportion of Clarendon's indebtedness. The people of Sandy Grove should take warning from the experience of the people of Calhoun, the St. Matthews' town lot speculators, like the Lake City schemers, made promises to build the court house and jail, but they did not do it, and they are now trying to bond Calhoun for her public buildings.

Lake City, we understand, has made big promises, but these promises are not worth a hill of beans in business. As we have said, in a previous editorial, to build a court house and jail in keeping with today's progress, it will cost not less than \$60,000, and unless Lake City deposits the actual cash with no strings to it, there need be no faith put in promises. Let the cash show the faith.

To show how little faith there is in such promises, there is already a dispute as to what was promised. Dr. A. H. Williams, of Lake City, over his own signature in The County Record, says he "promised the people of Johnsonville that if the new county was formed, and Lake City was selected as the county seat, the people of Lake City would put up the public buildings," etc. The people of Johnsonville contend that Doctor

Williams in a speech said, "I will promise you if Lake City lays down upon me in this matter and does not put up sufficient funds—not promises but cash—to build a good court house and jail after the election is ordered I will come out in the public prints and notify the people and advise them not to vote for the new county, and I will not vote for it myself."

The election has been ordered, and the people of Johnsonville has called upon Doctor Williams to make good, but instead he has commenced making excuses, claiming he has been misunderstood as to what he did promise, but all the same the Lake City promoters have not put up the cash.

We know Doctor Williams and will voice for his personal integrity, but he is only one individual, true, he has lots of Lake City property that will be enhanced greatly if that place becomes a county seat, but he has no \$60,000 to give away and can only contribute his proportion, but one man's proportion is not enough to induce Sandy Grove to take upon herself a double taxation for public buildings, and an increased taxation for a young county government. Remember how the people were fooled into Calhoun, and beware of Rutledge.

AN OPINION WHICH OPERATES AS LAW.

Attorney General Lyon is coming in now for much adverse criticism because of an opinion rendered at the request of Governor Ansel, with regard to reopening the dispensaries after the election on the 17th. It was the intention of the general assembly by putting in the act the word "immediately" to permit the dispensaries to reopen the day after the election regardless of whether the county went wet or dry, the purpose being to give the counties voting dry the chance to dispose of the stock by November 15. But whether the attorney general is right or wrong, his opinion in this instance, operates with the same effect as law, because the Governor, acting on the opinion, will order every dispensary to remain closed until after the result of the election has been declared, which may be in one month or several months. The Governor has the power to close the dispensaries whenever he may deem it proper.

It would not surprise us to learn, the opinion of the Attorney General, is not only wrong, but that it has caused a considerable financial loss, especially in a county where the election cannot be declared because of being hung up in the courts; such a county will probably have to wait for legislation to get relief. Then too should the next legislature conclude to enact a prohibition law, it occurs to us it may be blocked from adopting statewide prohibition, because of the obstacle shown in the way of disposing of the stocks, as was intended in the present law, by the opinion of the attorney general, who seems to construe the word "immediately" to mean any time it suits the opponents of the dispensary to consent.

That contests will result from the coming election in counties where the vote happens to be close is almost certain. If for example, Aiken should by a small majority vote to retain the dispensary, the Prohibitionists are not going to give it up without a fight in the courts, and should Florence lose the dispensary by

a close vote, the dispensaryites will not lay down without a struggle. Therefore we say that the Attorney General's opinion may result in a boomerang to the Prohibitionists who want the legislature to adopt a state-wide prohibition bill at the coming session.

The white banner of temperance now floats over South Carolina.

Brother Duncan, of the Bethel Methodist church in Charleston, might be forced to the embarrassing act of disciplining Steward Cogswell for the heresy he preached last night at the business men's meeting, nevertheless, what Brother Cogswell said was sound, sincere and the truth. But truth is not always a welcome factor, and at this time, when one speaks his heart in South Carolina he lays himself liable to fanatical wrath.

The educational campaign opened in Darlington and Spartanburg last Monday. The attendance is reported large and great interest is manifested. There is a general awakening all over the State, and the present agitation by men in all vocations of life will we believe mark a new educational era for South Carolina.

The day is coming, when educational advancement will be so great that every local school will have a department for the higher branches of learning, opening up greater opportunities for those now unable to go off to college. Each school will have a manual training, agricultural, horticultural and industrial departments, so that the youth of the land will be prepared to take a high position in the material affairs of the country.

In response to a call from Washington, Senator E. D. Smith gave up his rest at Saluda, N. C., to hurry to his post to aid in fighting the tariff which is to receive its final wind fest this week. Senator Tillman is in the West lecturing and his son says he will not return to Washington this session. Lecturing is a nice profitable job to have on the side, when one has a senatorial salary cinched.

So far as the good Smith and the rest of the Democratic bunch will do in heading off Aldrich's tariff bill, they all might be lecturing. The Republicans are in the saddle and will ride rough shod over the senate. But then it is the duty of a senator to be at his post whether he accomplishes anything or not, and Smith's return to Washington may have the effect of securing a compromise by which cotton bagging and ties may be put on the free list, and thus save the farmers of the South millions.

HOME MISSIONS.

MANNING AUXILIARY

Notes from the annual report. Adult members, 65,068; young people, 3,961; brigade members, 17,319; total, 86,348; grand total collections, \$451,246.94; local work, total \$283,128.44. The board and conference societies together aided 32 parsonages with appropriations amounting to \$5,876.56. Supplies to preachers, schools and emergency calls, \$55,025.74. Week of prayer offerings amounted to \$12,927.12. Twelve Wesley Homes are maintained and three Rescue Homes, there are twenty City Mission Boards in our work; the thirteen schools employing sixty-three teachers show what we are doing for education. The board paid for the training of twenty-two young women in the past year; twelve deaconesses were consecrated this spring.

The Crime of Idleness.

Idleness means trouble for any one. Its same with a lazy liver. It causes constipation, headache, jaundice, salivary gland troubles, pimples and blotches, loss of appetite, nausea, but Dr. King's New Life Pills soon banish liver troubles and build up your health. 25c. at all druggists.

Druggists Will be Dry.

Anderson, S. C.—One of the most important actions taken at the convention of the South Carolina druggists, which has just closed here, was the passing of a resolution offered by Dr. Chas. A. Milford of Abbeville, a former Andersonian, in regard to the sale of intoxicants by the druggists. The association placed itself on record as opposed to the passage of any law placing the sale of whiskey or other intoxicants in the hands of the druggists.

The resolution offered by Dr. Milford is as follows, and was adopted with only four votes against it: Whereas, it has come to the attention of the members of the South Carolina Pharmaceutical Association that there is some probability of our next legislature, on account of the counties voting dry, placing intoxicating beverages for sale in the hands of the druggists of this state.

Therefore, we in convention assembled at Anderson, South Carolina, put on record as follows, and we hereby declare that we tend to put in the hands of the druggists the sale of intoxicating beverages, or beverages of any kind, or the responsibility of the sale of same.

Resolved, further, that we instruct our legislative committee to do all in its power to prevent such legislation.

A STEADY DRAIN.

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For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States. Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

In the United States District Court.

District of South Carolina.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

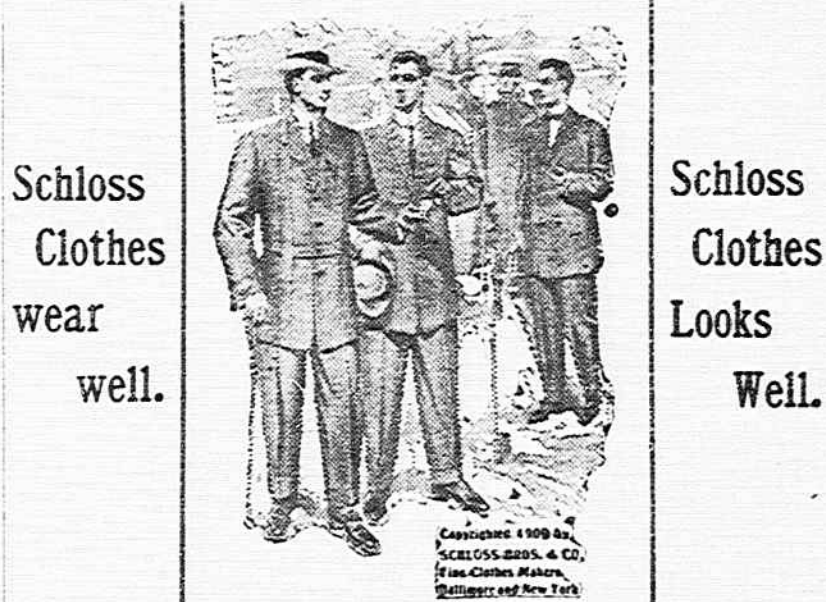
In the matter of Davis & Thames, Bankrupt.

To all Creditors:—Notice is hereby given that on the 25th day of July, 1909, the said Davis & Thames was duly adjudicated bankrupt; and that the first meeting of their creditors will be held at my office in the city of Sumter, S. C., on the 25th day of August, 1909, at 11 o'clock A. M., at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a Trustee, examine the Bankrupt and transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

L. C. STIMPSON, Referee.

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saving the middleman's profits, giving you the benefit of solid SHOES for the least money. Try us on SHOES and if not satisfactory we are ready to make good any bought of us, giving another pair or money back.

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SHOES

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